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Dear Sirs,

As a computer consultant, I have watched a large portion of the anti-trust case.

In my opinion, the original suit did not go nearly far enough in exposing the depths of the anti-trust violations. The issue of collusion with hardware manufacturers in making hardware that was usable only with Microsoft products should have been extensively pursued.

Also, the issue of Microsoft's 'cooperation' with standards committee's for establishing standards for internet browsers, java (Sun Microsystems copyright, yet public domain), networking protocol committees, e-mail standards committees and so forth should have been prosecuted. The participation with Microsoft in these committees is not for the general public good, but is with the express intention and effect of turning 'public standards' into proprietary standards whereby Microsoft further locks out competition.

A split of Microsoft Corporation into at least two entities is a minimal remedy. Their continued monopoly in both the software and operating system arenas is not healthy for even the short term. Microsoft has become so large, that competition with them in either arena is a farce.

Sincerely,
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